Remarks/Arguments:

This amendment does not cancel any claims, and is provided to add new dependent claim 62, and amend claims 1, 3 and 61. However, in doing so, no new matter has been added or suggested. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-62 will be pending, wherein claims 1, 3 and 57 are independent, and claims 57-60 are withdrawn.

Rejections of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. 103

In regard to the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 9, 12-17, 19-24, 28, 29, 32, 36, 39-44, 46-51, 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0001704 of Chan et al. (hereinafter Chan) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,833,848 of Wolff et al. (hereinafter Wolff), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0048848 of Li et al. (hereinafter Li) and newly cited U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0031181 of Rowley et al. (hereinafter Rowley).

However, none of the Wolff, Chan, Li and Rowley references describe use of the decoder during idle periods. That is, none of the Wolff, Chan, Li and Rowley references describe the decoding and reproduction of sound files and decoding and reproduction of image files of the *same folder* when the decoder *is idle*. The Applicants have added new dependent claim 62 and amended independent claim 3 to clarify the method as recited. This is not new matter, and is recited elsewhere in the specification (see for example, paragraphs 327 and 328).

In regard to the image and sound files of the same folder, the Examiner points to Wolff as describing such. However, the Wolff reference simply describes photographs and associated audio clips (see col. 10, lines 34-38). However, there is no description of the decoder control (i.e. decoding and reproduction of files when the decoder is idle) for providing each.

Further, in regard to the use of the decoder in the idle state, the Examiner points to Li as describing such. Li describes a system and method of decoding efficiency, wherein multiple decoders operate, and a secondary decoder is utilized if idle and buffering lengths of a master decoder exceed a certain value. In doing so, Li describes the efficient use of
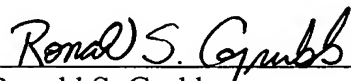
16

multiple decoders. In contrast, the Applicants recite single decoder control for decoding both the still image files and the sound files recorded in the recording medium or folder. In doing so, priority is assigned, and idle time of the single decoder is used for the image files. Such a decoder and use of idle decoder time is not described by the system and method of Li.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the Applicants assert that the Wolff, Chan, Li and Rowley references do not disclose or reasonably suggest, separately or in combination, each element as recited by the Applicants in independent claims 1 and 3, and the remaining dependent claims based thereon, and respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald S. Grubb
Reg. No. 48,672
Attorney for Applicants

Dated: _January 20_, 2011

Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, L.L.P.
1300 19th Street, N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20036
T: (202) 659-9076